

11 December 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing [] for Senate Armed Services and
Appropriations Committee Staff Members

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1. On Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 1958, briefings were conducted [] for Messrs. William Darden and Kenneth Pelieu of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff and for Messrs. Francis Hewitt and Vorley Rexroad of the Senate Appropriations Committee staff. Also included was Mr. Robert Macy, Bureau of the Budget. Agency officials from Washington were: the Inspector General, Deputy Director (Support), Director of Training, Acting Comptroller, [] (Assistant to DD/S), Mr. Warner (Legislative Counsel), and [] (Assistant to the Legislative Counsel).

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2. The group arrived [] at approximately 3:30 on Monday afternoon. The briefing began with a talk by Mr. Kirkpatrick on the origin and development of the Central Intelligence Agency and its predecessor organizations. [] then spoke briefly on the organization and functions of the Office of Training, and [] discussed the establishment and maintenance [] giving pertinent statistics

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4. Following these demonstrations, the group retired to the recreation hall and discussed the demonstrations and briefings which had been presented during the day. At this time the full impact of the lack of knowledge by our Congressional visitors of the Agency's functions and of the intelligence community, in general, made itself felt. They were unfamiliar with such terms as case officer and agent (and the relationship between them), safe-house, and other terms included in the intelligence vocabulary. The Agency hosts, [] attempted to clear up these areas for them.

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5. Tuesday morning the group was given a lecture on border crossings [redacted] They attended a class [redacted] 50X1
lecture given by [redacted] which followed a lecture by [redacted] 50X1
on the subject of Agency field operations. Also included was a visit to the
audio laboratories where various audio techniques and equipment were
demonstrated. 50X1

6. At a luncheon roundup closing remarks were made by [redacted] 50X1
Colonel White and Mr. Kirkpatrick. During a question period, Mr. Macy
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[redacted] cited what he believed to be a comparable situation describing
the advantages derived from the decentralization of certain aspects of the
Fulbright program. It appeared that our visitors had been confused by the 50X1

7. Following the luncheon summary, [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] It is believed that the Congressional guests were genuinely
appreciative of the briefings provided during this period. Obviously they
learned a great deal about the Agency and its functions. It is hoped that the
impressions which they obtained will be conveyed to the members of their
respective committees as circumstances permit. The staff [redacted] 50X1
conducted the briefings most efficiently and, while some suggestions have
been made for subsequent similar briefings (such as the inclusion of a very
brief session to familiarize guests with the Agency's general organization
and terminology), [redacted] staff is to be commended for their presen- 50X1
tation and particularly for the personal attention devoted to this group. A
memorandum to this effect was sent to the Director of Training on 4
December 1958.

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